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TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
For Hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2015
9:45 a.m., Conference Room 309

By

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**Senate Bill Nos. 1076 S.D.1; 1077 S.D.1; 1078 S.D.1; 1079 S.D.1;
1080 S.D.1; 1081 S.D.1; 1082 S.D.1; 1083 S.D.1; and 1084 S.D.1
Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items**

(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

CHAIRPERSON NAKASHIMA, VICE CHAIR KEOHOKALOLE AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT:

These bills provide fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for bargaining units (14), (2), (3), (4), (5), (10), (11), (8) and (9) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the respective bargaining unit representatives for fiscal biennium 2015 – 2017.

The Office of Collective Bargaining (OCB) is **IN SUPPORT** of these bills.

OCB is in favor of these bills continuing to proceed through the legislative process to ensure adequate funding of negotiated cost items.

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1082, S.D. 1

March 24, 2015

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

This administration proposal is a vehicle bill to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees represented by the Hawaii Firefighters Association belonging to Bargaining Unit 11 (firefighters) and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17.

Although this unit currently has a contract in place through June 30, 2017, the Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this measure, or a similar one, as the contract has re-opener provisions and a vehicle bill will be necessary should an agreement be reached prior to the end of the legislative session.



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Testimony by
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

S.B. No. 1082, S.D. 1 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS (BU 11)

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. The HFFA represents approximately 2,100 active-duty professional fire fighters throughout the State which includes more than 165 Airport Rescue Fire Fighters. HFFA supports S.B. No. 1082, S.D. 1, Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items for Unit 11 – Fire Fighters.

The 2011-2017 Bargaining Unit 11 Collective Bargaining Agreement includes the provision that four (4) sections may be reopened and on February 27, 2015, HFFA transmitted such proposals, two of which could have possible fiscal impact. In the event an agreement is reached on those sections, we will provide the information to the Legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.